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DAM CONSTRUCTION LAGS;
USE OF ELECTRICITY RESTRICTED

SCORES SHORTCOMINGS IN DAM CONSTRUCTION -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko, Delo,
5 Dec 50

The Studena dam, scheduled for completion on 1 November 1951, is a proj-
ect of major importance. Its waters are destined for the operations of the
Republika Thermal Electric Power Plant, now under construction, and for the
industrial enterprises of Dimitrovo.

Because of poor work organization and the inadequate utilization of ma-
chinery, the construction of the dam is lagging seriously. Between 13 and
23 November 1950, the plan has been fulfilled by only 64 percent. Through
the negligence of the technical personnel and dredge operators, the two
dredges used on the project are working at very low capacity and have been
operated only 120 hours during the last 10 days. The same is true of con-
crete mixers, which are inadequately used, poorly maintained, and suffer
from frequent breakdowns. Transportation is very slow. The dump-car oper-
ators handle their machines carelessly. Many cars lack essential parts, such
as chains, switches, etc., and have not been lubricated for many months. Be-
sides, the faulty layout of the lines and the carelessness of the engineers
have already caused many derailments. Transformers and pumps are often out
of service.

The chief of electrical and machine services and the head technician
are responsible for these shortcomings.

Labor organization on the project is also very poor: brigades and com-
petitive work have not been established, and the workers are not aware of
the importance of their assignment. The Communists fail to set the example
that is expected of them, and the party organization has so far remained in-
active.

It is urgent that the supervisory board proceed immediately to reorganize
work on the project. The Khidrostroy organization must supply better equip-
ment and efficient technical personnel.

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LIMITS USE OF ELECTRIC POWER AGAIN -- Sofia, Izgrev, 26 Nov 50

The Energoobedinenie (Electric Power Association) of the Sofia power system has announced that because of the decrease in the water supply and growing seasonal requirements, the temporary easing of restrictions on the use of electricity will be revoked and the following restrictions will be put back into effect:

Oil-extracting plants, grain and fodder mills, carding and combing installations, furniture factories, and private workshops and enterprises may not use electric power between 1800 and 2200 hours, but may operate on work-days between noon and 1730 hours.

Domestic electric appliances may be used only from 0600 to 0800 and from 1700 to 2100 hours.

The use of electric power for decoration, publicity signs, and window displays is prohibited.

The one-day work suspension provided by Decree 2191 of the Council of Ministers must be strictly observed.

Enterprises operating on two shifts may not use electricity between 0600 and 0800 and between 1700 and 2200 hours.

The above restrictions apply to the Sofia and Blagoevgrad power systems, including Botevgrad, Pazardzhik, and Pirdon.

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